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25X1 1. The following information was secured on the 301st Arty Bn  
in RAKOVNIK (N 51/L 28):25X1 a. Quarters: Barracks northwest of RAKOVNIK, north of the  
road to HERRENDORF (N 51/L 28). The Motor Trans Bn   
25X1 was quartered in the same barracks.25X1 b. Officers of the Bn Hq: CO: Maj. TABIS; Dpty CO:  
Staff Capt. BUSEK.c. Organization: 1st Btry, CO: Staff Capt KUBICKA;  
2d Btry  
Sig Plat (strength: 2 officers and 86 EM).d. Armament: Each battery: four 150-mm howitzers of German  
origin.e. Motor vehicles: German track-laying vehicles as prime  
movers for howitzers. "Bedford" trucks and three-ton "Praga-RM"  
trucks.

f. Signal equipment:

(1) New Czech radio sets were being tested by the battalion.  
The sets were experimental models which allegedly surpassed  
all previous types because of their efficiency and simplicity  
of construction. The new sets had been issued to the  
battalion by the Military Research Institute, PRAGUE. A Dr.  
DOLAN had been mentioned as signal expert of the institute.  
Other experimental radio sets of the same type were tested by  
the signal unit in BENESOV (O 50/L 95). Two sets had been  
sent to the Soviet Union early in April 1949. The radio sets  
were tested for efficiency in mountainous areas in the Tatra  
Mountains early in May 1949.

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25X1 (2) [redacted] following data on the new radio sets:

Range for telegraphy: 56 miles

Range for telephony: 18.5 miles

German "RV" tubes were used during the tests

25X1 [redacted] the required tubes would be purchased abroad in the future.

c. Training: Night practices with firing practices with live ammunition were held in the Brdy Woods in February 1949. Artillery units from HLADA BOLESLAV (O 51/G 02), KOSTELEC nad LABEM (O 51/F 80) and FOKYCANY (N 50/L 24) participated in these practices. Firing practices with live ammunition were to be held in the same area in mid-June 1949. Combined-arms maneuvers in the area of LAZNE KYNZVART (N 51/P 56) were scheduled for August 1949.

2. [redacted] Comments:

25X1 a. The report confirmed the 201st Arty in [redacted] as being in KAKOVNIK. Differing from Military Report [redacted] of August 1948, the report fails to mention the 3rd Btry (Cadre). It is possible that the cadre batteries of the artillery battalions were dissolved because of the acute shortage of personnel. Further information on this subject is required.

25X1 b. The data concerning the range of the new experimental radio set appear overestimated as the set is probably only a portable one. The German "RV" tubes proved their efficiency in the former German Armed Forces.

25X1 c. [redacted] a motor transport battalion [redacted] stationed in KAKOVNIK. The battalion cannot be identified. A newspaper of February 1948 mentioned the [redacted] unit of the 1st MD. It appears doubtful that the Unit [redacted] might be an army unit since no army unit has been observed [redacted]

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